

Messi Facebook page draws over 6 million

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In contrast to his electronic [peers](#), however, within just a few hours his page had attracted more than six million followers.

Such popularity warranted a speedy response from the Argentina international.

"Welcome to everyone and thanks for all the messages you have been sending me. Now we shall be closer with [Facebook](#)," said the two-time

world footballer of the year, whose [followers](#) come from all corners of the globe.

Messi, 23, was later hoping to help propel Barcelona towards the Champions League semi-finals with Barca taking on Ukraine's Shakhtar Donetsk at the Nou Camp Wednesday.

Assuming the three-time winners advance they will likely face La Liga rivals Real Madrid, 4-0 up from their first leg with Tottenham - a semi-final which will doubtless attract a welter of further posts from player and fans alike.

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